Subject: Louis Phillipe medal

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The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 153 and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

My son, Warren H. Manning, Jr., who is now in the army in France is a member of your Society. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of asking you to let me know something of the history and value of a medal that has been given me by a lady in this town. It is of bronze, 2¾" in diameter. One one side is the following inscription:

"Palace of Marie de Medicis, constructed in 1615 on the grounds of the Hotel de Luxembourg by Jacques Debrosse."

This is in a depressed panel with a diameter of about 1 3/8". The panel is surrounded by a head at the top with two reclining female figures on either side, a grotesque head in the bottom with a small figure at the right and other devices at the left.

On the opposite side is the following inscription:

"Law of 10 June 16? Enlarging of the Palace of the Chambre de --------? under the reign of Louis Philippe, Claude Montavilet, Minister of the Interior. Mr. de Oisors, Architect."

This inscription is in an oval panel at the bottom with two reclining children's figures at the top on either side of a vase, with a draped female figure at the right, a male figure at the left holding a club, with a medallion of a man's head at the top. This man has a beard and a wreath of Oak leaves around his head.

The inscriptions are in French.

The coin is in fair condition with edges somewhat battered, the high points slightly worn, and the small inscription partly illegible.

Very truly yours,

Warren H. Manning

WHM/CL

February 11th, 1919.

Mr. Warren H. Manning,
North Billerica,
Mass.

Dear Mr. Manning:-

Unfortunately I can not tell you much about your medal. I do not find it included in the published list of medals of the French Mint but as this was undoubtedly struck during the reigh of Louis Philippe when there was a bad mix-up in the French Mint very few of the medals of this time are now listed, as the Mint only listed those medals that they have a die for. About all the books on French medals are arranged by the artist or die-cutters names. We have a number of medals here commemorating the changing or restoration of various placed in Paris, but I am unable to locate yours. I should say that your medal, according to its inscription, commemorates the enlarging of the Chamber of possibly Deputies which before then was the Palace of Marie de Medicis. I am sorry I can not help you out on this.

Yours very truly,

Curator.